THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) 45 projects of the Ministry including its PSUs and subordinate office costing over Rs. 20 crore are running behind schedule as indicated below:—

Ministry/PSU/Subordinate Office	Number of Projects running behind schedule
Department of Telecommunications	1
Department of Information Technology	Nil
Department of Post	Nil
Office of Universal Service Obligation Fund	4
Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL)	1
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	4
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited	33
Centre for Development of Telematics	2

(c) The reasons for the delay include delay in resolving inter operability issues, availability of spectrum, getting permission from local bodies for erection of roof top towers in some of the states, getting electricity connections from state electric companies, supply of equipments from the vendors, supply of infrastructure items by equipment vendors due to shortage of supply sources in the market etc.

The total loss to the exchequer is either nil, negligible or unquantifiable for various reasons in all cases, except in case of TCIL project which is estimated at Rs. 7 crore.

(d) To complete the project expeditiously and to save expenditure, approval from local bodies and other agencies are being followed up. Monitoring and follow-up mechanism are being strengthened, infrastructure sharing have been started with other service operators to save time and expenditure.

Status of projects under NLCPR

1033. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) that have been received from Assam, so far;

(b) the name of the projects that have been approved, so far; and

(c) the status of the projects sanction under NLCPR during 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The details of the projects under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)

that have been received so far from the Government of Assam as Prioritized list of projects can be seen at the Ministry's website *http://mdoner.gov.in*.

(b) The list of the projects that have been approved/sanctioned under NLCPR for Assam is annexed as Annexure-I. (Available at Ministry's Webiste *http://modner.gov.in*.) [*See* Appendix 215 Annexure No. 2A and B]

(c) The status of the projects sanctioned under NLCPR for Assam during 2007-08 is also annexed as Annexure-II. (Available at Ministry's Website *http://mdoner.gov.in*.) [*See* Appendix 215 Annexure No. 2A and B]

Socio-economic development of NER

1034. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified measures which are found to be necessary to be implemented on short-term and on long-term basis respectively with a view to enhance the pace of socio-economic development of the people of the North-Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the salient details thereof indicating projected scenario consequent to their implementation;

(c) the details of the status of their implementation as on 31 December, 2008 indicating respective dates of their commencements, State-wise;

(d) whether any review of the implementations has been carried out; and

(e) if so, the details of findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The North Eastern Region Vision 2020 document, laid on the Table of the House on 23.10.2008, was adopted the North Eastern Council in its 56th Plenary meeting at Agartala on 12-13 May, 2008 and formally released by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 2nd July, 2008. It outlines the goals, identifies the challenges and suggests implementation strategies for various sectors for peace and prosperity of the North Eastern Region. The Vision document suggests regional and sectorial implementation strategies for promoting the socio-economic prosperity of the region, with a view to growth rates in the North-East Region catching up with the overall national growth rates. The document suggests a six-fold strategy for the comprehensive developments of the region:—

(i) Empowering people by maximising self-governance and participatory development through grass-roots planning to promote inclusive development.

(ii) Creation of development opportunities for the rural areas through enhancing productivity in agriculture and allied activities such as animal husbandry, horticulture, floriculture, fisheries and generation of livelihood options through rural non-farm employment.